

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
August 19, 2014
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman
John R. Simon, Vice-Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner
Michael Lewis, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Rob Gale, Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the August 12, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Simon moved to approve the August 14, 2014 Canvassing Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was approved with four “ayes” and one abstention.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Commissioner Schwerdfeger discussed the condition of Road B.

RURAL OPERATIONS: The following was discussed:

- 1) Kerstin Mitchell, Rural Operations Secretary, discussed the changes the landowner requested on the contract for the Dunn gravel pit. Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the changes requested by the landowner and enter into a Gravel Pit Contract with John T. Atkins Family Trust at 31 cents per ton. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.
- 2) Commissioner Braddock reported that he received a public request to purchase gravel from the County to use outside of Hamilton County. It was decided to not sell gravel for use outside Hamilton County.
- 3) Larry Fallwell, presented a letter signed by several members of the public stating their concerns of the condition of Road B. Several tires have been damaged as well as some equipment and they feel it is unsafe. The Commissioners discussed their plan to solve the issues with Mr. Fallwell.
- 4) Commissioner Braddock moved for a 30-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:15 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:45 a.m.
- 5) Commissioner Puckett moved for a 5-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, County Clerk and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:00 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:05 a.m.
- 6) Commissioner Braddock moved for a 5-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, Mike Buxton and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:10 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.
- 7) Commissioner Puckett moved to terminate Mike Buxton's employment with Hamilton County effective immediately. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY: Attorney Gale is in the process of reviewing the current Electronic Communication Policy and the possibility of merging that policy with a new Social Media Policy.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Simon moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$24,296.36. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:22 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:32 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: None.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Braddock seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

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Commissioner